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Community invited to celebrate the arts at annual Wendt and Mayor's Arts Awards

Everett to honor recipients on June 23

EVERETT, WA – The City of Everett, in collaboration with Everett's Cultural Arts Commission, cordially invites community members to join in celebrating the arts and honoring the recipients of the annual Wendt and Mayor's Arts Awards. The event will take place on Friday, June 23, 2023, at the Everett Performing Arts Center, located at 2710 Wetmore Ave.

This year's event promises to be a spectacular showcase of local talent, featuring captivating performances by Britney Barber from Everett Improv, Evergreen Community Orchestra, the dynamic hip hop duo RNNRS and more. The evening will commence with a pre-show social hour, accompanied by complimentary hors d'oeuvres, starting at 6 p.m. The awards program will follow at 7 p.m. Admission is free, and all members of the community are welcome to attend without requiring an RSVP.

Richard & Nancy Wendt Award of Excellence

Kati Nickerson has been selected by Mayor Franklin and the Cultural Arts Commission as the recipient of the prestigious Richard & Nancy Wendt Award of Excellence. This esteemed accolade recognizes Nickerson for her outstanding contributions and profound impact on the arts throughout her illustrious career leading Village Theatre's KIDSTAGE.

Named in honor of Dr. Richard Wendt, who passed away in 2007, and his wife Nancy Wendt, who recently passed away in the spring of 2021, the Richard & Nancy Wendt Award of Excellence is presented annually to an individual or organization that has demonstrated unwavering support for the arts over their lifetime.

Mayor's Arts Awards

Mayor Cassie Franklin and the Cultural Arts Commission proudly award the annual Mayor's Arts Awards, recognizing the vibrant arts scene in Everett and honoring artists, organizations, and dedicated community members who have made significant contributions to the artistic landscape.

The esteemed recipients of the 2022 Mayor's Arts Awards are as follows:

- Andrea Tucker – Arts Catalyst Award
- Evergreen Community Orchestra – Organization Making a Difference Award
- John Carswell – Arts Catalyst Award
- Raedle Alburn – Arts Educator Award
- Ruben Trujillo – Artist in the Community Award

For further details

The Everett Cultural Arts Commission, comprising dedicated volunteer commissioners appointed by the mayor, strives to initiate, sponsor, organize, and promote cultural and artistic programs and services for the enrichment and enjoyment of the Everett community.

To learn more about this event and the work of the Cultural Arts Commission, please visit everettwa.gov/wendts.

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